

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer.  
(10 marks)

1. Keith saw the maid \_\_\_\_\_ the glass of orange juice.

- (1) drink
- (2) drank
- (3) drunk
- (4) drinks

base form

(1)

2. Due to his offence, the criminal is liable \_\_\_\_\_ five years of imprisonment.

- (1) to
- (2) on
- (3) by
- (4) with

(1)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ of Singapore's wealth comes from trade.

- (1) More
- (2) Much
- (3) Many
- (4) Plenty

uncountable

(2)

4. Joe would not have submitted a fake degree for the job application if he \_\_\_\_\_ the serious implications of his action.

- (1) knew
- (2) has known
- (3) had known
- (4) would have known

past tense

(3)

5. Both badminton players have been warned but till now, neither of them \_\_\_\_\_ to take it seriously.

- (1) seem
- (2) seems
- (3) has seemed
- (4) had seemed

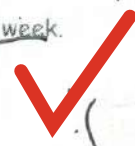
Singular

(2)

6. But Heley \_\_\_\_\_ the briefing next week.

- (1) is attending
- (2) are attending
- (3) has attended
- (4) have attended

simple pr



(2)

7. If <sup>singular</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ there, we <sup>pa</sup> will have a great time riding on the sleigh.
- (1) snow  
(2) shows  
(3) snowed  
(4) were snowing (2)
8. In competitions such as Singapore Idol, each of the contestants <sup>singular</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity to perform before a panel of judges. Gary told his brother.
- (1) is given  
(2) are given  
(3) was given  
(4) were given pr (1)
9. Situated just north of the waterfront, this place <sup>singular</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ first used as a fort and later converted to an entertainment hub.
- (1) be  
(2) is  
(3) was  
(4) were past (3)
10. Rachel was there and heard Sam <sup>singular</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to Mr. Lim for breaking his window pane.
- (1) apologised  
(2) apologises  
(3) apologising  
(4) was apologising (3)



For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer.  
(5 marks)

11. Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ ignorance when the tutor asked him if he had seen her missing book.

- (1) feigned
- (2) exhibited
- (3) displayed
- (4) pretended

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(4)

12. The government needs to \_\_\_\_\_ the pre-war shophouses in Singapore so that future generations can appreciate these historical architecture.

- (1) preserve
- (2) observe
- (3) reserve
- (4) deserve

(1)

13. The scouts \_\_\_\_\_ the fire with sand before leaving the campsite.

- ~~(1)~~ smelted
- ~~(2)~~ smashed
- (3) smothered
- ~~(4)~~ smouldered

(3)

14. He claimed that he is telling the truth but I am not \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) assured
- (2) convinced
- (3) influenced
- (4) committed

(2)

15. The teacher gave us an examination to \_\_\_\_\_ our knowledge of the Science theory.

- (1) mark
- (2) assess
- (3) predict
- (4) challenge

(2)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). (5 marks)

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It sits on a shelf at the top of my closet. Once it was a shoe-box, decorated for Valentine's Day and given to me by my oldest child. This shoe-box valentine is (16) wrinkled and moldy where the jellybeans and gumdrops have run together. It is sticky in places but it is a repository of (17) objects from their childhood given to me by my children. They have (18) scrawled their names on little slips of papers - a product of love in its most uncomplicated and (19) authentic state.

The children are grown now. They still love me though it is harder sometimes to get any (20) information to prove it. Once in a while I take it down and open it. It is something I can touch and hold and believe in, now that there are no small arms around my neck.

16. (1) crisp  
(2) coarse  
(3) crinkled  
(4) crumpled
17. (1) relics  
(2) remains  
(3) antiques  
(4) artefacts
18. (1) signed  
(2) shaded  
(3) scribbled  
(4) scratched
19. (1) creative  
(2) genuine  
(3) traditional  
(4) trustworthy
20. (1) data  
(2) evidence  
(3) testimony  
(4) confession

(3) 4

(1) 4

(3)

(3) 2

(2)

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*Meet our Guest Speaker*

*Keith Heinrich*

*Adventurer and Author of the International Bestseller "How I survived the K2"*

The following is extracted from Keith Heinrich's book "How I survived the K2".



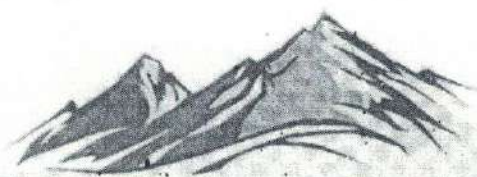
### *How I survived the K2*

The human body does not function well in high altitudes of mountains like K2. Air pressure plunges as a climber gets higher, and each breath takes in less oxygen. On less oxygen than usual, people feel enervated and queasy. Their thoughts become incoherent. Coupled with freezing temperatures, it is easy to become vulnerable to weakness. Tasks that were once simple for seasoned climbers like us – such as walking with a backpack full of climbing gear – become almost impossible.

As Victor and I made our way down to one of the base camps, we found it took us hours to cover a mere two kilometres. Amidst the struggle, we met Sanjay Ahmad and his friend, Kashmir. They were porters who made a living leading and assisting mountain climbers. They offered to carry our packs for six dollars a day. We gratefully agreed.

Now, I was lost. I had taken an erroneous turn and lost sight of Sanjay. And Sanjay was carrying the pack which contained most of my gear. All I had with me was a small backpack which held a blanket, an empty water bottle and a protein bar. I knew I would have to wait and search for the trail in daylight. I found a flat slab of rock and wrapped myself in the blanket.

The next morning when I opened my eyes, my hands were so stiff from the cold they were like claws. I filled my water bottle from a melting trickle that ran from the glacier and winced as I drank the frozen liquid.





For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer.  
(8 marks)

21. The main objective of the open house is to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) promote extreme sports
- (2) attract companies to sign up for corporate events
- (3) advertise the Tree Climbing Course
- (4) capture photos and videos of participants

(2) 1

22. Which of the following activities is not free of charge?

- ~~(1)~~ Bungee jump
- (2) Dirt bike range
- (3) Obstacles course
- (4) High rope elements

(1)

23. The company will \_\_\_\_\_

- ~~(1)~~ give free T-shirts to all visitors
- (2) refund participants in the event of adverse weather conditions
- (3) accept a participant with a mild medical condition
- ~~(4)~~ allow a child who is approaching his tenth birthday to participate

(3) 2

24. The services provided by Adventure Quest is likely to appeal to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) frequent travellers
- (2) outdoor sports enthusiasts
- (3) people who have a fear of heights
- (4) students looking for motivational instructors

(2)

25. The main idea in Paragraph 1 of the extract is about \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) the effects of low air pressure on the human body
- (2) why climbers cannot think clearly as they climb higher
- (3) how freezing temperatures can weaken an experienced climber
- (4) how tired Keith was such that he could not walk with his backpack

(1)

26. Why did Keith and Victor struggle to make their way down to one of the base camps?

- ~~(1)~~ They were lost.
- (2) They did not have enough food.
- (3) They were running out of oxygen.
- (4) They were worn out by the stressful climb earlier.

(4)

27. Why did Keith lose sight of Sanjay?

- (1) It was too dark.
- (2) He was too slow.
- (3) He took the wrong route.
- (4) He could not see him in the cold fog.

28. Keith 'winced' because \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) he was injured
- (2) the water was too cold
- (3) the water tasted strange
- (4) he was happy that he had finally found water



(3)

(2)



There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) after	(D) are ✓	(G) besides ✓	(K) have ✓	(N) was
(B) all	(E) because ✓	(H) by ✓	(L) is ✓	(P) will ✓
(C) any ✓	(F) before ✓	(J) has ✓	(M) towards ✓	(Q) with

On a lake in Western Siberia, flocks of ducks and geese (29) (D) roaming free. The local people are ignoring warnings from their government that (30) (C) B domestic poultry should be kept indoors (31) (E) of the threat of bird flu. There (32) (J) K been bird flu outbreaks in dozens of Russian villages in the past month. The virus (33) (N) (L) brought to Russia from Asia (34) (H) the migrating wild birds. Ornithologists in Russia say that wild fowl (35) (P) soon be moving on from here (36) (F) autumn comes. The most up-to-date research predicts some birds will head (37) (M) the Mediterranean and Southern Europe. Other flocks will travel towards Germany, Britain and Ireland. It is likely that they could bear the bird flu virus (38) (G) Q them, potentially starting a bird flu pandemic.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

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Forest fires play a useful role in the life-cycle of a forest and its ecosystem. But they can

(39) devastating

(40) to

also have a devastated long-term effect on ecosystems that are not adapted through such

patterns of burning. Frequent and large-scale fires, mainly caused by increased human activity,

(41) deliberately

affect many forests and peatlands around the world. Forests are diliberately burnt to clear

for the establishment of large plantations. As a result, fires can burn out of control in

(42) are

degraded landscapes and areas where there were no incentives for controlled burning.

(43) particular

(44) extensive

Tropical rainforests are at partikuler risk. When out of control, fires can cause extensively

(45) environment

damage to not only the forest cover, but also to human life and the enviromen. A forest fire

can occur in any area that provides the basic ingredients for a fire: oxygen, heat and

(46) combustible

kombastible fuel. A forest fire is different from other fires because of the wide area that it

(47) of

covers, the breakneck speed for which it spreads, and its ability to change directions. in a

(48) random

randerm manner. Long-term prevention is better than a short-term cure. Putting out fires is

(49) ineffaction

(50) provide

costly and largely ineffactive. Agencies are working to providing policy recommendations which

will identify underlying causes of fires and their impacts on countries at the global scale.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

South Korea is ranked together with some other countries as having the highest smoking rates in the world. This, combined with other risk factors, is leading to a steep (51) increase in heart disease. "Nearly a million Koreans now have heart disease," says cardiologist, Dr. Chae, at the Seoul National University Hospital.

Dr. Ortiz, ex-president of the Philippines Heart Association says that owing to a (52) lack of exercise, excessive smoking and a diet consisting primarily of fast food, heart disease has become his country's number-one (53) killer. "It is this combination of risk factors that is so deadly and is taking a (54) toll on the general population of this country. Moreover, this "killer" affects people from all (55) walks of life. For example, three doctors, who were former medical school classmates, have also suffered massive heart attacks. They were in their early forties. Paramedics that attended to them (56) performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) but their resuscitation efforts failed."

Malaysian cardiologist, Dr. Abdul Latiff, says, "Ten years ago, heart disease among the young was unheard of, but today it is becoming a very (57) common phenomenon." Two years ago, Dr. Latiff raced to help a man wheeled in with serious chest pains. The man's life was (58) nearly ~~X~~ on a thread. He was breathless, cold and pale. Latiff's eyes darted towards a chart on the wall. (59) Staring at his heart-rate chart, Latiff exclaimed, "I cannot believe that this man is only 31 years old."

The news is mostly bad. "Still," says Dr. Latiff, "the good news is this pandemic of heart disease is entirely preventable but we must act fast before it is too (60) late."

Malaysia's Ministry of Health has (61) set up free screening programmes in rural hospital clinics. These clinics run tests that allow checks on patients' cholesterol levels, blood pressure and other risk factors. Those at (62) risk are identified and treated for their conditions. They are also given advice on how to stay hale and (63) fit ~~X~~. Furthermore, they receive advice on how to lead a healthy lifestyle. Many people are referred to these programmes by their local doctors.

Dr. Zainal, an official with the Malaysian Ministry of Health says, "We are taking our first baby (64) steps ~~X~~ but it is making a difference."

In Singapore, heart disease is also one of the top three "lifestyle diseases" of a developed nation. The government has decided to focus on educating the young on the (65) importance of an active and healthy lifestyle.



For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. "My uncle bought my sister and me a puppy," Paul told me.

Paul told me that his uncle had bought his sister and him a puppy.

67. My mother was exhausted after a hard day's work but she still prepared dinner for us.

However exhausted my mother was after a hard day's work, she still prepared dinner for us.

68. On seeing flames and smoke, the guard raised an alarm.

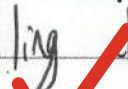
At sight of flames and smoke, the guard raised an alarm.

69. Ronald has gone to the field to play soccer. His cousins have joined him.

Ronald, together with his cousins, has gone to the field to play soccer.

70. Kitty is impressed with Roy. Roy is wise in handling demanding situations.

Kitty is impressed with Roy's wisdom in handling demanding situations.



Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

The house which I remember from my days in the kampong had wooden walls and an atap roof, which was later replaced with zinc in the name of modernity, but in fact, the atap, though unsafe because of fire risk, was much cooler than zinc. The house was much like a hotel, because two families lived in the section I lived in. There were my uncles on my father's side in one part with their families, and my family in the other, with grandmother.

There were limited amenities in the kampong. Each house had a separate kitchen, but a shared bathroom, shared among about a hundred people in all, for all the houses in that line. There was one tap in the bathroom, and a common washing area. We had to bring water from the tap for the kitchen. And one can visualise the way the queue snaked from the single water source. In total, there were some fifty houses around ours.

We had fruit trees around our house, and a very small garden. I was given my own tiny section. I planted flowers, roses and chrysanthemums, just as a pastime. I did not sell them, but gave them away, or brought them into the house for festivals. Before the outer kampong area became more developed, there were three ponds. We raised about fifty ducks. We also had a lot of chicken. We ate them as necessary.

The place was cool from the shade of the trees. There were banana, jackfruit and papaya trees. But it was not really very hygienic, because some farmers in the area reared pigs. They used to wander all over the place (I had a job keeping them out of our small garden). Perhaps my earliest memory of the place was the toilet. The pigs used to come under the toilet and wait for us. You could look through the floor boards and watch them with their snouts in the air, expectant. The people from our kampong were Chinese. But just across the canal was a Malay kampong. We did not mingle much with the Malays, not because they were Malays, but rather because it was the rival kampong.

In 1964, there were countless gang clashes between the two kampongs, which were frequently stopped by the curfew. I recall the times we were all ordered to go back home from school, half-way during the day. My parents put additional bars and locks at the windows, and the streets outside the kampong were deserted. My job was to prepare metal pails. These were for making a lot of noise to scare the attackers if our house was attacked. We were also equipped with whistles to call for assistance from the neighbours. It was a disturbing time. People spoke about a lot of clashes, but in reality I never witnessed any, and in spite of all our precautions our house was never attacked. In any case there only seemed to be trouble among the grown-ups.

I was in primary school at that time, and had been brought up speaking Malay. We still played with the Malays in the school and nothing was different. Some neighbours, however, moved out of the kampong at this time to live with relatives in town. We were carefree and played a lot with our neighbours' children. The kampong seemed like a charmed garden in those days, in spite of the filth around.



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71. Did the writer like the new roof? Give a reason to support your answer. [2 m]

No, the atop, though unsafe because of fire risk was much cooler than zinc.

72. Was the tap adequate for the people in the kampong? Support your answer with evidence from the text. [2 m]

-2 No. There was one tap in the bathroom, and a common washing area. They had to bring water from the tap for the kitchen.

73. Name two changes that were made to the outer kampong area later. [2 m]

1. The area became more developed.
2. The three ponds were removed.

74. From Paragraph 4, explain clearly the writer's concern about the area where he lived. [2 m]

It was not really very hygienic, because some farmers in the area reared pigs that used to wander all over the place.

75. The writer and his family were well-prepared in the event of gang clashes. What were their strategies? Fill in the blanks with details from the text. [3 m]

	Strategy
To prevent the gang from entering their house	Put additional bars and locks at the windows.
To ward off the attackers	Use the metal pails to make a lot of noise to scare the attackers if their house was attacked.
To get help from the neighbours	Equipped with whistles to call for assistance from the neighbours.



76. The writer and his family were lucky that their lives were not disrupted by any gang clashes. Pick out two evidence from the text to support this statement. [2 m]

1. The writer never witnessed any about the clashes that people spoke a lot about.  
2. In spite of all their precautions, writer's house was never attacked.

77. Which word in the last paragraph means the same as 'unworried'? [1 m]

carefree

78. In relation to the two kampongs, how was the relationship among the grown-ups different from that among the children? [2 m]

They still played with the Malays in the school and there only seemed to be trouble among the grown-ups.

79. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1 m]

2 The atap roof was replaced with zinc.  
1 The writer's house had wooden walls and an atap roof.  
3 The outer kampong area became more developed.

80. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3 m]

	True/ False	Reason
The writer planted and sold flowers, roses and chrysanthemums as a livelihood.	False	The writer did not sell them, but gave them away or brought them into the house for festivals.
The Malay kampong was in close proximity to the Chinese kampong.	True	The people from their kampong were Chinese, but just across the canal was a Malay kampong.
The writer appreciated the kampong.	True	The kampong seemed like a charmed garden in those days, in spite of the filth around.